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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. OES HAS ASKED US TO SUGGEST CANDIDATES FOR A VACANCY IN THEIR OFFICE OF SOVIET AND EE PROGRAMS (OES/SPT/SEP). THE CURRENT OFFICE STAFF AND WORK ARE WELL KNOWN TO GOSNELL AND GREENBERG. THE POSITION IS SLOTTED AT MID-CAREER FSO, I.E. 0-3 THROUGH 0-5, AND THE INCUMBENT WOULD BE INVOLVED IN COORDINATION OF U.S.-SOVIET SCIENCE PROGRAMS, AS WELL AS THOSE WITH CHINA AND CUBA IF SUCH GET UNDERWAY. IF ANY-ONE AT THE EMBASSY WOULD BE INTERESTED, PLEASE LET US KNOW RIGHT AWAY. THE JOB PROBABLY COULD BE HELD OPEN FOR A GOOD CANDIDATE.

2. BOB BLACKWELL CALLED FROM LONDON TO SAY THAT THE MARINE INSURANCE TALKS ENDED THURSDAY WITHOUT AGREEMENT. SOME PROGRESS WAS MADE, HOWEVER, AND HE IS OPTIMISTIC THAT SOMETHING
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CAN BE WORKED OUT ON THIS ISSUE. YOU WILL BE GETTING MORE DETAILS.

3. DOES KEN SKOUG PLAN TO HAVE A BUSINESS FACILITATION MEETING IN JANUARY? OUR NEXT ONE HERE IS FEBRUARY 7, AND IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO SEE WHETHER WE COULD MAKE

PROGRESS ON SOME OF THE ISSUES YOU HAVE RAISED IN MOSCOW
--ESPECIALLY MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS--BEFORE WE MEET AGAIN
HERE.

4. RE MOSCOW 0485, PARA 11, SECRETARY HAS MEETING WITH
TOLYA SATURDAY MORNING AND WILL ENQUIRE ABOUT SOVIET RE-
SPONSE. PLEASE LET US KNOW IMMEDIATELY IF ANYTHING DE-
VELOPS THERE SO WE CAN FACTOR IT INTO OUR BRIEFING.

5. RAY BENSON HAS CALLED USIA TWICE ON THE FENNEY/KENNEDY
ASSIGNMENTS AS EXHIBIT GUIDES. HE APPARENTLY DID NOT GO
INTO HIS SPECIFIC CONCERNS, BUT DID INDICATE OPPOSITION TO
THEIR USE AS GUIDES. HE SEEMED STRONGLY TO PREFER ASSIGN-
MENTS AS EXHIBIT STAFF. HE WAS ALSO UPSET AT USIA FOR NOT
KEEPING HIM INFORMED OF DETAILS (MOST CABLE TRAFFIC HAS
BEEN IN PER CHANNEL). WE HAVE CLEARED A USIA MESSAGE
RECAPPING THE BACKGROUND, BUT NOT SUGGESTING ANY CHANGE
IN USIA'S EARLIER AGREEMENT TO THE ASSIGNMENTS. ARE YOU
AWARE OF RAY'S PROBLEM? IS THERE ANY CHANCE IT IS GOING
TO COMPLICATE THE FENNEY/KENNEDY ARRANGEMENT AND SUTTON'S
ASSIGNMENT?

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